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Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Elizabeth N. J.

My Dear Madam

This will introduce to your favorable notice the bearer Miss Kate E. Best who has been connected for some time with Park College an institution of learning situated at Parkville Missouri, miles from this city. I am well acquainted with the College having been one of the Board of Trustees from the first & knowing intimately the President & others connected with the management of the institution. I do not know that the institution can in any way share the care of the Ladies Missionary Board but I think Miss Best may do a good work for the Ladies Board in securing aid for the training of missionaries & mission teachers who may be ready to go in the employ of the Board

of Home Missions. The young men who have gone out from this college are earnest & practical Home Missionaries, [illegible]. I wish I had twenty more of them today.

Please confer with Miss Burt regarding such information & suggestions as you desire.

Very truly,

Yours,

J. Hood

Kansas City, Mo.

June 17 1880

P. O. Box 2010.

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New York, Nov 3d 1880

My dear Mrs. Haines

Let me introduce to your acquaintance the bearer of this note - Miss Kate C Best who has been engaged in Mission work in Mo in connection with Revd Mr McAfee Parkville College is doing a good and great work for Christ - of which Miss Best can more fully inform you. Why your Ladies' Society should not assist in the support of this institution. I can not see. It is doing mission work most success-fully

Yours respectfully

H R Wilson

Mrs Boyd - and all whom I met and assure them of the great pleasure favor they conferred upon me in listening to my appeals for Park College. I do hope there will no service for it remitted but, greatly increase.

Waiting & praying
I remain your
Friend in Christian
Work

Kate E. Best

I kept her M.D. Certif^a and have a record of the rest, so you may return them if you wish to. -
OEB

I would like to have the certificates from Prof. Wickersham & Danville School Directors returned.

Kate E. Best
Danville, Penna.
1881

Miss Kate E. Best
Danville Pa.
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Danville, Pa.
July 22d. 1881

My Dear Mrs Haines:

I wrote you two days ago - and now I have had a conference with my Pastor and friends. and listened to unanimous counsel. which is "Go to Utah." It has been exceedingly difficult for me to see my way clear to disengage myself from Park College work. The daily importunities they receive. from talented and worthy youth of both sexes to be received into their institution and thus to obtain the education that could not otherwise be secured. and be fitted for Mission work by the fifties. has weight with me

I only hesitate, because there are so few, to come to their help. they have had great trials of faith, and great wrestlings with the Lord, knowing and believing that His mercies are great, and for any one who can have the time and leisure to help them, and also promised it, to withdraw, seems a serious thing. I would do ~~the~~ that which is right - and oh! how earnestly I do seek of the Lord to have the path of duty made plain. It is not, and in submitting the Certificate, and letters that Providence had made mine before this, and those of Physicians and Presbyters to follow. I pray that the disposition you

make of them. may be under the guidings of unerring wisdom.

I have received a letter from Rev. D. J. McMillan. Situated as I was - amid the sad & last rites due my Cousin and absent from home, a definite answer seemed impracticable. I have now replied:

I do hope that the Church at large, or the Sisters of the Church, will aid the work of Missions by aiding Park College. I would love to talk with you on the subject - I do esteem you for your works sake and the pleasant interview has greatly deepened love

Remember me to M

Miss Kate C.
ans'd 7.23/81

Northumberland Pa
July 20th 1881.

My Dear Mrs Haines;

Your kind letter dated June 10th has been received, but, being absent from home, it having been detained there for a time, and my engrossing care of a consumptive, dying cousin, inducing great weakness, and many hinderances, the many replies attempted have just simply fallen by the way. I deplored the facts and felt powerless, but, in the fulness of time, death came and claimed its victim, this last enemy, for her destroyed, set her ransomed spirit free, and me also, from loving her services & loving care and now, I am ready to say, "Here am I, send me" - where I can most and best serve my Lord and Master.

Now I have been greatly tossed & exercised in mind to know, what is <u>duty</u>? for you are not mistaken in supposing me to be the same that was so interested in Park College. This proposition of my dear Christian friends at home, (Danville Pa) resulted from no diminution of my interest in Park College, but in response to the earnest appeals of Rev. D. J. McMillan in the Utah Mission interests, and their jealous care for me, that I should have a form of Christian work that would be less burdensome, than, the one in which I was engaged, that of soliciting aid for Park College, and engage in the direct work of teaching in the mission field. a work in which they knew me to be closely engaged in at home so many years. I have a letter from Mr McAfee, which I feel almost tempted to enclose to you, in which he releases me from my engagement there, but

makes so strong an appeal for the dear youth, seeking an education at P.C. that I strangely am so undecided which I should do. I have longed to see you, and talk of this matter freely personally. Wont you please answer me.

I have the Certificates required save the Physician's, and Presbyterial there doubtless can be procured. I go to (address) Danville, Pa to day and will then forward them.

Please say to Rev. S. J. McMillan his letter has been rec, & will be answered.

With anxious care and desire to do the right thing. I am yours in Gospel bonds
Please pray for me

Yours Truly
Kate E. B

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Miss Kate E. Best

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KANSAS CITY SEP 6 PM MO.

Miss Kate E. Best

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
No. 23. Centre St.
New York City

Logan. Utah.
Oct. 5th 1881.

My Dear Friend

I am happy to be able to report my safe arrival. Oct 1st Rev C. M. Parks took me to his care and I am awaiting his assignment of me to a field. Millville.. is occupied by another. I will again write. Yours Truly
Kate E. Best

Danville. Pa Sep 9th '81.

Dear Mrs Haines

Your Postal is rec'd, also, to day, a "Pass" from Mr Wm Thaw of Pittsburg. on R.R from Pittsburg to St Louis - and from Pittsburg to Chicago. I retain'd the Pass from P. to St Louis and hope to hear from Mr. Eaton - & be furnished with instructions that will aid in my reaching Kansas City (Park College) thence to Logan - Utah. I hope to hear from Mr. Boyd of Pa R. R. who promised 1/2 fare to Chicago. I have written (or Mr Stewart) & asked 1/2 to Pittsburg only, so that provides only for myself. I trust that no false steps may mar the great object to be attained. and being Divinely guided, We safely reach our home. I set out, D.V. Tues 13th. I shall want more and instructions. please let them follow me along. Yours Truly Kate E. Best

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Kansas City. Sept. 17. 1881.

My Dear Mrs Haines.

Sab eve 11th services held in Mahoning Church. and the work of Utah and [illegible] the special [illegible] - I was present [illegible] Home Mission on Monday [illegible]. On Tues day rec'd [illegible] and being duly supplied with Passes. [illegible] Prayers (The last needed, Ticket arrived before I left) I set out for Utah. Tues 13th. via [illegible] [illegible] for no one. I passed Pittsburg in Sleeper. reached [illegible] Wednesday night. Was entertained by Mrs Ross. [illegible] the Cut Ticket at $5. from Chicago to Kansas City, was better [illegible] the 1/2 fare at $7.50 but would not allow of stops. so came on to Kansas City without stopping at Peoria. Reached here late last night. Am now at Dr. T. Hill's. Will go to Park College to day, and leave there on Monday. for Denver. Logan. Utah. Will stop a few hours at Denver. and hope to [illegible] destination by Thursday or Saturday. Mr. Thaw. sent Passes. Expenses so far have been light, Dan. to Pittsburg $4.73. Sleeper $3.50. Chi. to K.C. $15.00

[illegible marginal writing]